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REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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John Bruck note

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen Credit the Town for the Year Ending March 1st, 1879, as Follows:—

March 21, 1878, Amount due from bondsmen of C.	
M. Rollins,	\$558.55
" Cash in Treasury,	904.77
April 1, By list of taxes assessed,	7,334.55
March 21, Received of A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	18.00
" " " " " " 1877,	555.00
" 22, " D. Haynes on Luke Gale's note,	135.00
" 30, " A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1876,	9.00
" " " " " " 1877,	88.46
April 3, " " " " "	35.00
" 13, Borrowed of Aurilla Pitman,	50.00
May 8, Received of County of Grafton,	100.00
" 29, " A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	402.27
" " " " " " 1876,	118.28
June 22, " " " " " 1877,	80.00
" Borrowed of John Brock,	600.00
" " " "	600.00
" " " "	800.00
Aug. 31, Received of A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	112.37
Nov. 5, " " " " " "	160.00
" " " " " " 1876,	40.50
" 18, Borrowed of C. E. Davis,	950.00
" 30, Received of A. F. Cheney on note,	8.00
" " " " " Collector, 1876,	25.00
" " " " " " 1877,	45.00

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Dec. 9,	Received	Railroad tax,	\$19.95
" "	"	Savings Bank tax,	184.09
" "	"	Literary Fund,	74.00
" 11,	"	County of Grafton,	100.00
" 24,	"	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	85.00
" "	"	" " " 1876,	40.00
Jan. 28,	"	" " " 1677,	35.00
" "	"	" " " 1876,	10.00
Feb. 28,	"	" " " "	124.20
" "	"	" " " 1877,	106.78
" "	"	" " balance on note,	8.87
March 1,	"	" " Collector, 1876,	21.11
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			\$14,538.75

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	\$580.00
County tax,	798.99
Several school districts,	1,211.28

Paid on Notes.

James Crawford, in full,	1,395.81
Sally Sleeper, “	428.77
S. B. Sleeper, “	184.25
“ “ “	501.53
“ “ “	256.39
“ “ “	255.34
Phebe Braley, “	135.70
Harvey Locke, “	225.25
James Crawford, part pay,	1,200.00
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	\$4,583.04

Micellaneous Items.

R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	\$20.00
W. F. Simonds, services as Moderator and cleaning town hall,	5.00
A. F. Cheney, collecting in 1877,	10.00

C. H. Martin & Co., paint and oil,	\$61.57
Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery,	19.70
J. F. Phillips, expenses to Plymouth,	3.00
“ “ Ministerial fund,	18.00
M. C. Mathews, bounty on fox,	.50
Geo. E. Sargent, “ hawks,	.60
O. K. Gray, damage on highway,	3.00
J. W. Atwood, painting town house,	10.50
A. F. Cheney, collecting in 1877,	14.00
Edgar A. Seavey, bounty on hawk,	.20
Frank C. Ferrin, for copying Invoice,	3.00
“ “ Painting on town house,	6.00
C. W. Tucker, bounty on hawk,	.20
L. F. Pattee, “ “	.20
I. S. Chase, returning births and deaths,	.75
J. M. Bishop, “ “ “	2.50
Fred Akerman, bounty on hawk,	.20
J. F. Phillips, putting up tramps,	3.00
C. L. Dalton, “ “	1.00
Willie Dicey, bounty on hawk,	.20
Geo. A. Robie, coffin for Robert Patten,	11.50
C. S. Bradley, medical service for Robert Patten,	12.00
Levi Gurdy, repairing derrick,	2.00
L. L. Thomas, bounty on hawk,	.20
Ira O. Mathews, “ “	.20
C. S. Bradley, certificate of death,	.25
F. C. Patten, bounty on fox,	.50
Edgar A. Seavey, “ hawk,	.20
A. J. Phillips, “ “	.20
J. F. Phillips, postage on Invoice Book,	.65
A. F. Cheney, copying Invoice for County Commissioner,	4.00
C. Taylor, glass, putty, &c., for town house,	1.00
Irving Drake, bounty on hawk,	.20
Almer Gordon, “ “	.20
J. B. M. Gould, recording birth,	.25
J. M. Sleeper, labor on town house,	1.50
C. A. Pearsons, blacksmithing,	19.85
J. W. Atwood, painting,	2.50

J. J. Crosby, running town line,	8.00
H. B. Patten, bounty on fox,	.50
F. C. Ferrin, painting,	4.65
E. G. Stevens, bounty on fox skins,	2.50
David Page, loss of heifer by bridge,	5.00
C. H. Gale, sawing wood for town house,	.75
C. L. Dalton, perambulating town lines,	4.00
Warren Tucker, " "	11.00
J. F. Phillips, " " & money paid out,	17.00
" " expenses to Plymouth,	3.00
H. W. Patten, bounty on fox skins,	1.00
S. G. Akerman on town line,	2.00
G. A. Bullock, damage crossing field,	2.00
E. G. Stevens, bounty on fox skin,	.50
Chas. E. Davis, collecting taxes, 1878,	29.00
W. L. Pitman, bounty on hawks,	.80
E. G. Stevens, " foxes,	2.50
J. M. Sleeper, " hawk,	.20
J. F. Phillips, expenses to Concord,	2.40
J. F. Vose, wood for town house,	3.00
C. E. Davis, collecting taxes, 1878,	9.00
L. W. Hammond, powder,	2.00
Samuel Kirk, damage to pen-stock,	10.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing check-lists,	4.50
E. G. Stevens, bounty on fox,	.50
F. W. Bingham, stove, funnel, &c., for town house.	17.15
Clara A. G. Bullock, books furnished, bills & posting,	8.00
Horace Saunders, sundries,	20.46
G. M. Kirk, work on town house,	1.50
A. F. Cheney, collector of taxes, 1876,	7.31
H. B. Patten, bounty on foxes,	1.50
E. G. Stevens, " "	1.50
J. F. Vose, lumber for town house,	4.50
H. Saunders, nails,	.98
E. M. Tenney, labor on town house,	3.22
L. W. Fling, retainer and counsel,	25.00

\$457.24

Loss of Sheep by Dogs.

G. A. Rollins, 1877,	\$5.00
Carrie B. Gray, 1878,	4.00
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	\$9.00

Abatement of Taxes

J. T. Akerman, use of watering trough,	\$2.00
J. P. Berry, error in Invoice in 1877,	13.00
S. B. Sleeper, " " "	3.25
W. F. Simonds, loss of cow in 1877,	.66
Abram Gove, abatement for use of watering trough,	1.50
F. H. Lewis, " " " " 1877,	1.50
S. W. Knowles, error in Invoice,	2.00
Levi Ferrin, " "	1.00
A. F. Cheney, " " 1877,	4.87
Chas. Keyser, use of watering trough,	3.00
James Berry, " " "	3.00
Geo. J. Wise, error in Invoice,	3.30
C. W. Berry, " " 1873,	2.43
Martin Sargent, " " 1878,	1.98
S. O. Gray, abatement of poll tax,	3.30
C. W. Butrick, loss of horse,	1.53
J. K. Flanders, use of watering trough,	1.00
Ira C. Pitman, " " "	2.00
A. K. Bullock, abatement of poll tax,	3.30
G. H. Bullock, " for loss of sheep,	.92
P. W. Akerman, use of watering trough,	1.00
F. E. Berry, loss of horse,	1.42
L. F. Blake, abatement for use of watering trough,	3.00
F. H. Lewis, " " " "	1.50
Levi Simonds, " " " "	3.00
O. S. Gale, " " " "	3.00
Daniel Perkins, abatement of tax in 1876,	5.96
Aaron Clifford's heirs, " " "	2.55
I. D. Emmons, " " "	8.47
S. S. Brock, " " "	10.53
Sarah Abbott, " " "	1.54

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S. S. & J. W. Sleeper,	abatement of tax 1876,	\$4.69
D. H. Sanborn,	" " "	3.08
H. T. Marsh,	" " "	3.94
George Gale,	" " "	2.27
Levi Farmer,	" " "	1.65
B. W. Thomas,	" " "	1.40
Elisha Ballou's heirs,	" " "	3.05
John M. Ballou,	" " "	1.55
Chas. G. Simonds,	" " "	3.05
Pattee Gale,	" " "	.54
Arnold Sleeper,	" " "	2.82
J. M. Squares,	" " "	2.30
David M. Berry,	" " "	2.06
Chas. Bruno,	" " "	3.05
Joseph Buffum,	" " "	7.62
Daniel Martin,	" " "	1.55
P. H. Cloutman,	" " "	8.18
Levi M. Gray,	" " "	2.30
C. L. Martin,	" " "	3.05

\$155.66

Paid for Paupers from Town Farm.

Jonathan Scruton, support of feeble minded children,	\$10.00
F. H. Lewis, support of Hilton family,	13.00
Hiram Clifford, support of Martha Clifford,	31.90
Jonathan Scruton, support of feeble minded children,	8.00
" " " " " "	8.00
F. H. Lewis, support of Hilton family,	13.00
Hiram Clifford, " Martha Clifford,	19.86
Jonathan Scruton, " feeble minded children,	27.00
" " " " " "	15.00
" " " " " "	24.00
Hiram Clifford, " Martha Clifford,	26.35
F. H. Lewis, " Hilton family,	13.00
Jonathan Scruton, " feeble minded children,	15.00
Hiram Clifford, " Martha Clifford,	36.22
Jonathan Scruton, " feeble minded children,	24.00

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Paid for Highways and Bridges.

Geo. W. Heath, labor in 1877,	\$2.00
J. T. Akerman, for plank and damage to plow,	7.00
A. A. Welton, breaking roads and money paid out,	4.46
Edmund Jordan, labor on Sugar Loaf road in 1875-6,	16.00
L. L. Ballou, labor on highway and money paid out,	.98
B. H. Braley, labor on highway,	1.70
Ira C. Pitman, " " 1877,	2.04
G. S. Bailey, " " 1878,	3.50
Silas Ballou, " " 1877,	2.00
Lucinda Ballou, " " "	1.50
J. B. Healey, " " " & paid,	6.54
W. H. Akerman, " " & breaking roads, 1877,	6.28
M. S. Akerman, " " " "	1.32
S. S. Patten, lumber,	54.62
Geo. W. Plumer, labor on highway in 1877,	1.20
H. F. Tilton, " " and paid in 1877,	10.23
W. H. Sanborn, plank and sawing,	14.91
E. C. Merrill, labor on highway and money paid,	14.00
J. W. Saunders, lumber and plank,	19.45
J. P. Martin, labor on hill and bridge,	2.00
F. E. Berry, labor on highway and money paid out,	3.00
Geo. W. Heath, labor on highway,	3.63
F. H. Lewis, breaking roads in 1877,	2.90
Chas. H. Peaslee, labor on highway,	3.98
Hosea Hartford, labor on highway,	1.44
Clark A. Gray, " " and money paid out,	2.36
I. P. Hardy, labor and plank,	12.35
" " breaking roads,	2.00
S. S. Patten, lumber and plank,	77.00
W. H. Folsom, repairing highway,	2.00
E. C. Merrill, labor on highway and money paid out,	50.90
W. H. Sanborn, plank,	9.24
J. P. Martin, labor on bridge,	3.00
" " " "	13.50
O. F. Sleeper, " "	.75
S. S. Patten, lumber,	2.00

Thomas Pusey,	labor on bridge,	\$9.00
J. M. Sleeper,	" "	3.00
T. H. Cox,	" "	10.50
J. G. Tenney,	" " and town farm,	21.00
C. H. Gale,	" "	.50
G. S. Fisher,	" highway,	2.04
C. F. McCloud,	" "	2.11
Frank Fisher,	" "	.75
J. I. Brown,	" "	2.98
A. D. Morrow,	" " and money paid out,	24.63
M. C. Mathews,	" "	4.80
S. O. Gray,	plank,	.61
G. T. Pitman,	"	1.20
C. W. Butrick,	labor and money paid out,	31.24
M. S. Akerman,	labor on highway & money paid out,	10.20
L. L. Thomas,	" " " "	8.60
John Seavey,	breaking roads,	1.20
Aaron Clark,	labor on highway and money paid,	24.46
A. A. Welton,	" " "	23.90
J. W. Saunders,	lumber for bridge,	42.79
C. W. Tucker,	labor on highway & money paid,	22.10
S. E. Knowles,	" bridge,	2.00
Chas. Cloutman,	labor and money paid,	47.98
Robert Alexander,	labor on highway,	2.30
H. S. Perkins,	" " & money paid out,	44.29
W. F. Simonds,	" " " "	91.64
C. L. Dalton,	" " " "	24.60
J. F. Phillips,	labor on highway and bridge,	20.00
J. I. Brown,	" bridges,	4.00
O. K. Gray,	" highway and money paid out,	40.79
N. P. Keyser,	" " " "	57.49
Harvey Locke,	" " "	5.21
S. B. Sleeper,	" " and money paid out,	46.32
J. A. Corles,	" " " "	29.05
J. H. Patten,	" " " "	15.36
J. P. Bailey,	" " " "	16.98
" " " "	" " " "	4.35
J. M. Sleeper,	" " " "	26.06

G. S. Bailey, labor on bridge and use of wheels,	\$8.00
Peter Sleeper, " "	6.50
E. R. Scruton, labor and money paid out,	\$25.02
John Clark, " " "	28.32
John Sanborn, " on bridge,	5.00
G. H. Bullock, " "	6.50
O. S. Gale, " on highway and money paid out,	52.51
P. W. Akerman, " " " "	31.50
E. L. Gifford, " " " "	95.45
C. H. Gordon, lumber,	10.38
E. L. Gifford, " "	3.25
I. P. Hardy, labor and lumber,	1.89
F. E. Berry, " on highway and money paid out,	43.73
B. H. Braley, " " " "	33.25
E. T. Hutchins, lumber,	23.02
L. S. Gordon, labor on highway,	4.43
J. P. Berry, lumber,	6.02
J. F. Phillips, labor on highway and bridges,	32.00
L. F. Pattee, " " and money paid out,	27.19
Coffran Patten, " " " "	13.90
E. W. Locke, " on bridge,	7.50
Chas. Hazelton, " "	3.00
Albert Healey, " "	10.00
Ezekiel Follansbee, labor on highway,	1.35
C. H. Mudgett, " "	2.06
J. R. Sleeper, " on bridge,	3.00
F. E. Berry, labor, lumber and stone,	20.00
C. S. Flanders, labor and lumber,	24.09
J. M. Sleeper, labor on highway,	3.22
S. E. Knowles, " on bridge,	4.00
Warren Tucker, " on highway and money paid out,	14.50
C. L. Dalton, " on bridge,	7.75
J. F. Phillips, " "	3.00
Coffran Patten, " on highway and money paid out,	10.44
G. S. Verrill, " on bridge,	3.00
S. G. Patten, " "	.50
J. P. Berry, " "	11.61
J. C. Morrill, " on highway,	6.75
Jane Smyth, " "	3.57

J. W. Saunders, lumber for bridge,	\$6.60
J. F. White, labor on highway,	4.15
P. T. Akerman, " "	4.00
C. W. Tucker, " "	3.00
C. H. Tenney, " on bridge,	4.50
Ira C. Pitman, " on highway and money paid out,	17.43
David F. Tilton, breaking roads,	3.60
J. H. Patten, " " and money paid,	13.65
Clark A. Gray, " " "	13.32
Aaron Clark, " " "	17.46
Coffran Patten, " " "	.72
A. D. Morrow, " " "	14.39
C. W. Tucker, " " "	18.01
C. N. Plumer, labor on highway, breaking roads and money paid out,	40.00
J. P. Bailey, breaking roads and money paid out,	5.31
Daniel McMurphy, " " " "	23.28
H. S. Perkins, labor on highway, breaking roads and money paid out,	15.34
A. A. Welton, breaking roads and money paid out,	4.55
F. E. Berry, labor on highway,	13.61
M. S. Akerman, " "	9.61
E. C. Merrill, " "	10.81
E. T. Hutchins, plank for bridge,	7.39
W. F. Simonds, labor on highway, breaking roads and money paid out,	20.33
John Seavey, breaking roads,	9.40
I. C. Pitman, " "	14.17
Chas. H. Peaslee, " "	9.36
B. H. Braley, breaking roads and money paid out,	10.20
Horace Keyser, " "	3.25
E. L. Gifford, labor on highway, money paid out and breaking roads,	27.19
John Clark, breaking roads and money paid out,	8.60
John M. Sleeper, " " " "	10.91
O. K. Gray, " " " "	35.24
S. W. Knowles, " "	2.16
S. B. Sleeper, labor on highway, breaking roads and money paid out,	18.03
J. R. Sleeper, breaking roads,	1.80
Chas. Cloutman, " " and money paid out,	18.60
L. L. Thomas, " "	4.56
J. P. Martin, labor on highway and bridges,	4.30
F. H. Lewis, breaking roads,	8.80
J. W. Atwood, " "	5.08
M. C. Shepard, " "	14.50

S. S. Patten, drawing plank and breaking roads,	\$5.75
P. W. Akerman, breaking roads and money paid out,	6.49
Robert Alexander, " "	2.76
E. R. Scruton, " " and money paid out,	38.22
Jas. A. Cloutman, " "	2.00
J. F. Phillips, " "	8.00
O. S. Gale, labor on bridge, breaking roads and money paid out,	40.65
Woodbury Sleeper, breaking roads,	3.00
C. L. Dalton, " "	3.72
G. W. Heath, " "	2.40
J. A. Corless, " " and money paid out,	13.86
M. C. Mathews, " "	1.02
T. H. Cox, labor on bridge,	1.50
N. P. Keyser, breaking roads and money paid out,	15.66
Harvey Locke, " "	4.86
C. A. Gale, labor on highway,	5.15
C. W. Butrick, breaking roads and money paid out,	13.58
Samuel Kirk, labor on bridge,	1.00
N. B. Cloutman, breaking roads in 1877,	2.94
H. E. Hutchins, " " 1877,	2.00
L. F. Pattee, labor on highway, breaking roads and money paid out,	3.24
G. M. Clifford, bridge irons and guide-board,	5.75

\$2,345.77

Paid for Town Farm.

F. B. Swain, services in 1877,	75.00
H. W. Pettengill, " 1878,	70.00
" " " "	55.00
Horace Saunders, goods furnished,	32.75
G. M. Clifford, blacksmithing for Town Farm,	10.86
J. F. Phillips, pigs furnished Town Farm,	4.00

\$247.61

Town Officers' Bills.

J. F. Phillips, services as Selectman,	\$95.00
Warren Tucker, " "	71.00
C. L. Dalton, " "	75.00
F. C. Ferrin, Town Clerk,	20.00
Horace Saunders, Treasurer,	40.00
Clara A. G. Bullock, S. School Committe,	35.00
David Haynes, Town Agent,	5.00

\$341.00

Recapitulation.

Total amount received,		\$14,538.75
Paid State tax,	\$580.00	
County tax,	798.99	
On notes,	4,583.04	
School districts,	1,211.28	
Miscellaneous items,	457.24	
Loss of sheep by dogs,	9.00	
Abatement of taxes,	155.66	
For paupers from Town Farm,	284.33	
For highways and bridges,	2,345.77	
For Town Farm,	247.61	
School-house tax,	10.00	
Town Officers' bills,	341.00	
In hands of Collector,	2,236.68	
In outstanding orders,	42.26	
In Treasury, note and money,	1,235.89	
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List of Notes due from the Town.

Charlotte A. Ballou,		\$114.22
E. C. Merrill,		78.23
Ruth A. Phillips,		338.98
H. F. Tilton,		180.70
Lydia Merrill,		239.64
James Crawford,		1,424.03
Ann E. Locke,		342.67
P. W. Akerman,		256.44
" "		319.50
Lydia Chesley,		319.50
Aurilla Pitman,		51.66
John Brock,		618.00
" "		618.00
" "		824.00
C. E. Davis,		965.83
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		\$6,691.40

Debts due the Town.

In Collector's hands for 1877,	865.22
Due from bondsmen of C. M. Rollins,	558.55
" County of Grafton,	39.00
In treasury, note and money,	1,235.89

Due from Samuel Kirk, for cider,	3.00
In Collector's hands for 1878,	2,236.68

\$4,938.34

Estimated debt of the town, March 1, 1879:	
Amount of notes and interest,	\$6,691.40
Debt unsettled,	100.00

Amount the town owes,	\$6,791.40
" Due the town,	4,938.34

Town debt,	\$1,853.06
Decrease of debt,	\$1,473.44
Respectfully submitted,	

J. F. PHILLIPS,	} Selectmen of Alexandria.
WARREN TUCKER,	
C. L. DALTON,	

Report of Town Farm, March 1, 1879.

One yoke of oxen,	\$110.00
Two cows,	50.00
Two yearlings,	14.00
Ten sheep,	36.00
Two hogs,	16.00
Sixteen hens,	8.00
Three and one-half tons hay,	40.00
Stove-wood,	50.00
Eight bushels ears corn,	2.50
Seven " oats,	2.80
Six " rye,	4.00
Two bags meal,	2.00
Ninety pounds butter, 10 cents per pound,	9.00
Forty-six " lard, 9 " "	4.14
Eighty " tallow, 8 " "	6.40
One bushel peas,	1.50
Ten " beans,	15.00
Eight gallons vinegar,	2.00
Eight barrels ashes,	4.00
Thirteen gallons boiled cider,	9.75
Three hundred twenty-five pounds pork, at 8 cents,	26.00
One hundred thirty " beef, 6	7.80
Seven and one-half casks cider,	9.50
Sixty pounds maple sugar, at 8 cents,	4.80
One " sole leather,	.30
One bushel salt,	.60
Four cords sap wood,	7.00

One and one-third barrels flour,	\$8.00
One hundred pounds shorts,	1.00
One wood-saw,	1.25
Fifty-one pounds dried apple, at 5 cents,	2.55
Grass seed,	.50
One pair steel wedges,	3.12
Pine lumber,	.50
One scythe,	.75
Cart body,	5.00
Watering trough,	4.00
One ox sled,	3.00
One pitcher,	.35
Tin-ware,	2.87
Crash,	.14
Cotton cloth,	.54
Two balls wicking,	.10
Wash tub,	1.25
One apple parer,	.65
One fork,	.75
Two rakes,	.60
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	\$480.01

Debts contracted by Town Farm to March 1st, 1879.

Horace Saunders,	\$46.19
L. W. Hammond,	62.40
Brown & Locke,	20.36
G. M. Clifford,	21.12
Humphrey Pettingill, services,	225.00
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	\$375.00

Bills paid by Town Farm to March 1, 1879.

Horace Saunders,	\$12.37
L. W. Hammond,	62.40
Brown & Locke,	20.36
G. M. Clifford,	10.26
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	\$105.39
Town farm owes,	\$269.68
Bills due town farm,	8.75
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Town farm in debt,	\$260.93

J. F. PHILLIPS,	} <i>Selectmen of Alexandria.</i>
WARREN TUCKER,	
C. L. DALTON,	

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

DISTRICT No. 1.

This district has had two terms of school. The first term commenced May 6, and closed June 28. The second, a fall term, commenced August 19, and closed Oct. 11. Both were successfully taught by Miss LIZZIE P. WHITEMORE. The scholars passed an unusually good examination at the close. The roll of honor, consisting of those who had been neither absent or tardy during the term, embraces the names of Nora B. Simonds, Ella M. Simonds and Willie G. Gordon, first term; Ella M. Simonds, second term. Whole number of scholars first term, 13; average, 10; second term, 10; average, 9. Wages per month, including board, first term, \$20; second, \$22.

E. C. Merrill, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Two terms. Six weeks in the summer and ten in the fall. Both taught by Miss LAURA A. WHITEMORE. Whole number of scholars, first term, 17; average, 15. Second term, 17; average, 13. Roll of Honor, Mary Taylor, Hattie Plumer, Lauretta Clifford, Johnnie Plumer, Willie Gale, Bertie Gordon. Second term, Mary Taylor and Lauretta Clifford. Wages per

month including board, \$20. Prudential Committee, Ezra L. Gifford. Miss Whittemore was faithful to her trust, and the first term was evidently a success. The scholars learned well and the order was excellent. The teacher labored equally as hard the second term, but some of the scholars failed to appreciate her labors, and did all they could to make the school unpleasant. It needs the wisdom of the serpent blended with the harmlessness of the dove, to succeed under such circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Two terms, one of six and the other of fifteen weeks, taught by Miss S. HATTIE SANBORN. Whole number of scholars, first term, 10; average, 9. Second term, 14; average, 13. Roll of Honor, Alice Keyser, Dick Burns. Second term, Ella Phillips, Henry Phillips, Arthur Phillips, Burton Gale, Willie Gale and Dick Burns. Wages per month, not including board, \$16. Board was given. N. Keyser, Prudential Committee. All the scholars did credit to themselves and teacher. Miss Sanborn is a competent teacher, and we hope her services will be secured in town the present year. The examination was well attended and gratifying to all concerned.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Both terms taught by Miss EMMA ATWOOD. Seven weeks in the summer. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 13. Ten weeks in the fall. Whole number of scholars, 14; average 12. Wages per month, board included, \$18. E. T. Bailey, Prudential Committee. Roll of Honor, first term, Flora A. Bailey, George W. Atwood. Second term, Willie J. Atwood, George W. Atwood. Good order prevailed, consequently there was a good opportunity for study. During both terms of school, the scholars made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Two terms, taught by C. A. G. BULLOCK. Summer term commenced May 8 and closed July 5. The fall term commenced September 4 and closed November 12. Whole number of schol-

ars, first term, 15 ; average, 10. Second term, 15 ; average, 9. Wages per month, including board, \$18. The scholars were energetic and industrious, and learned well. I hope in the future some of the parents will endeavor to have as few instances of tartliness and dismissal as possible, that some of the scholars' names may be seen on the Roll of Honor. Perhaps the fault was in the teacher, that there *were* so many cases this year. When it is *absolutely* necessary on account of sickness or any cause, it is excusable, but where parents allow their children to stay at home for trivial causes, and cannot be made to see the difference between constant attendance and frequent absence, it becomes an evil not easily remedied.

Horace Saunders, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 6.

First term, taught by Miss NELLIE M. VOSE. The scholars had good lessons, and seemed to learn them with a relish, which they enjoyed. The careful and judicious manner in which the teacher conducted the school is truly commendable. Whole number of scholars, 10 ; average, 9. Roll of Honor, Hattie Vose. Wages per month, including board, \$20. Second term, taught by Miss MINNIE E. VOSE. This was her first experience as a teacher. Several were absent at my last visit. The school was pleasant and Miss Vose liked the vocation so well, she has since taken a school for life, and we wish her much success. Whole number of scholars, 11 ; average, 10. Wages per month, including board, \$18. Eight weeks in the summer, nine in fall.

J. F. Vose, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Two terms, first of six weeks, taught by Miss LAURA B. SANBORN. Whole number of scholars, 20 ; average, 16. Roll of Honor, Addie M. Thomas, Emma Alexander. Wages per month, including board, \$18. Good order was particularly noticeable, and the school was evidently profitable. Second term of nine weeks, taught by ERVIN T. DRAKE. Whole number of scholars, 23 ; average, 19. Roll of Honor, Addie M. Thomas,

Minnie L. Thomas, Delia M. Thomas. Wages per month, including board, \$24. The scholars learned well. The order was not quite as good as the term previous. Scott S. Patten, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

First term commenced April 8, and closed May 24, taught by Miss LUELLA J. SQUIER. This was her first experience in teaching. She had never attended school in the country and therefore was wholly unacquainted with our country schools. She seemed to labor for the benefit of the school, but am sorry to say some failed to get interested. Roll of Honor, Oscar Seavey, Nellie Gray. Whole number of scholars, 13; average, 10. Wages per month, including board, \$17. Second term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss LAURA B. SANBORN. Roll of Honor, Oscar Seavey, Allie Swain. Whole number of scholars, 11; average, 9. Wages per month, including board, \$19. Some were absent at my last visit. Those present passed a good examination. A. F. Cheney, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

First term commenced May 13 and closed June 21. Whole number of scholars, 23; average, 21. Roll of Honor, Effie Hodgdon. Second term commenced August 26 and closed November 1. Both terms taught by Miss L. ETTA GRAY. The school was much broken up on account of sickness and did not make the progress it might have done, had it been otherwise. Miss Gray sustained her former reputation as a teacher. Charles W. Tucker, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Two terms, one of eight and the other of thirteen weeks, both taught by Miss LUELLA J. LOCKE, making five terms Miss Locke has taught in this district. Whole number of scholars, first term, 9; average, 8. Roll of Honor, Ida Verrill, Arthur W. Seavey, Mary Brown. Wages of teacher, per month, first term, \$14; second term, \$13. Board was given.

John Seavey, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 11.

First term, taught by Miss ETTA SEAVEY, commenced May 6 and closed June 14. The school was pleasant and profitable. Roll of Honor, Nellie A. Dinsmore, Cora M. Pearsons, Adella F. Gray, Arthur S. Gray, Frank Gray. Whole number of scholars, 10 ; average, 8. Wages per month, including board, \$21. Second term, of eleven weeks, taught by Miss EMMA SAUNDERS. This was her first experience in teaching, and here she met with success. The scholars who were present at the close had learned well. Roll of Honor, Lizzie J. French, Cora M. Pearsons. Adella Gray, Harry Pearsons, Frank Gray. Whole number of scholars, 13 ; average, 11. Wages per month, not including board, \$12.

Charles H. Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Two terms. First commenced May 6 and closed June 29, taught by Miss ELLA PHILLIPS. She had had no previous experience in teaching. She gained the good will of the scholars and worked for their interests, and the result was a good school. Roll of Honor, Harvey Akerman, Herbert Akerman, Effie Pitman. Average number of scholars, 8. Wages per month, including board, \$16. Second term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss SUSIE BULLOCK. The school was quiet and orderly and this is the stepping stone to all good results. The school was truly a success, and the money was profitably expended. Roll of Honor, R Clara Akerman, Herbert Akerman, Harvey Akerman. Whole number of scholars, 9 ; average, 7. Wages per month, not including board, \$10.

J. N. Akerman, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 13.

First term of six weeks taught by Miss MAY E. BERRY. This was Miss Berry's first attempt at teaching. The scholars made good improvement, and her efforts were crowned with success. Roll of Honor, Clara J. Cloudman, Laura L. Cloudman, Bell G. Gray, Albert Pitman, Flossie J. C. Gray, Minnie Cloudman.

Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average, 14. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Second term of nine weeks taught by Miss SARAH E. SULLOWAY. The last term was equally as good as the first. Both teacher and scholars worked hard. Roll of Honor, Irena Chipman, Bell G. Gray, Elvira Chapman, Gracie Morrow, Flossie J. C. Gray. Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average, 13. Wages per month, including board, \$21.80.

Russell Gray, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Two terms, ten weeks each, both taught by Miss ELLA ATWOOD. The first term was a success. The teacher labored faithfully and the scholars were interested. Roll of Honor, Oscar F. Akerman, Eva E. Akerman, Sarah L. Gray. Whole number of scholars, 13 ; average, 12. The second term had not that prosperity that could be desired. Several were absent at the close. Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average, 13. Wages per month, not including board, \$14. Board was given.

J. T. Akerman, Prudential Committee.

The design of a school report is undoubtedly¹ to give the citizens of the town a correct information, respecting the conditions of their schools. During the past year there has been some improvement, still there is room for more. Great care should be taken to select men for the office of prudential committee who have an interest in the cause of common schools. Teachers should never be selected on the idea of friendship or acquaintance, but choice should be made on qualifications for success, regardless of cost. It is here we expend our money, and we ought to have the value received. Money will secure good teachers if the effort is made in season. A good school is always worth what it costs, *a poor one never is*; and when you go out to hire a teacher stick to this text: "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good."

Parents can aid the progress of a school in various ways. Visiting the school occasionally is very beneficial; it not only encourages the teacher, but makes the scholars more ambitious.

Only seven of the prudential committee, out of the fourteen, have visited the schools during the past year. And we would call your attention to the very important duty of standing by and supporting our teachers in their labors with us. We may have those who are young and inexperienced. Let us encourage and, if need be, very gently advise. Go into the school and see what they are doing before you censure. Treat *teachers* that come among us as we would have *others* treat *ours* if *they* went out from our homes among strangers. Let us realize that teachers are fellow-laborers with us in the cause of education. Let us encourage them by visiting the school, and upholding them in maintaining good order.

Never discuss school grievances, or express opinions derogatory to a teacher in the presence of your children, unless you wish, in after years, to reap the bitter fruit of your own sowing. Punctuality, also, is necessary to the success of a school. Parents should look to this. On them the responsibility, in a great measure, rests. Absence is but little worse than tardiness and dismissal. But it is only necessary to state that three hundred and fifty such marks disfigure our Registers. We are glad some of our schools countenance the evil but little. No labor is so important, and full of peculiarities, as teaching. The teacher fashions a mind for time and eternity. When a teacher gets into the wrong place a failure is made, and both teacher and school suffer the fatal consequence. Do not take a position you are conscious you are not prepared to fill. Do not attempt to control *others*, until you have a perfect mastery over *yourself*.

Whole number of visits made to schools by Superintending Committee, fifty-nine.

CLARA A. G. BULLOCK, *S. S. Com.*

Alexandria, March 1st, 1879.

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